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TITLE: Synergistic, broad-spectrum herbicidal composition for pre- o post-emergence control of weeds in crops, especially maize

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - Synergistic herbicidal composition contains as active agent mixture of 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulfonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-3-(methylthio or methylsulfinyl)-isoxazole (I) with one or more of 32 categories of other herbicides and/or one or more of 11 specific safeners.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - Herbicidal composition contains (apart from conventional formulation auxiliaries) an active agent mixture of:

- (A) 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulfonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-3-(methylthio or methylsulfinyl)-isoxazole (I) with
- (B) a synergistic amount of one or more herbicides and/or
- (C) a herbicide-antagonist amount of one or more safeners.
- (B) are selected from:
 - (i) chloroacetanilides of formula (II);

- (ii) N-(2,4-dimethyl-3-thienyl)-N-(1-methoxy-2-propyl)-chloroacetami (specifically as the (S)-isomer);
- (iii) s-triazines of formula (III);
- (iv) cyclohexanediones of formula (IV);
- (v) fused triazoles of formula (V);
- (vi) 6-chloro-4-(hydroxy or n-octylthio-carbonyloxy)-3-phenyl-pyridazine;
- (vii) bromoxynil or ioxynil;
- (viii) 2-(2-(chloro or nitro)-4-methylsulfonyl-benzoyl)-cyclohexane-1,3-di-one;
- (ix) triazolones of formula (VI);
- (x) 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulfonyl-4-(chloro or trifluoromethyl)-benzoyl)-1-isoxazole;
- (xi) glufosinate-ammonium (specifically as the (S)-isomer);
- (xii) sulfonyl ureas of formula (VII) or their sodium salts;
- (xiii) mebutrizin;
- (xiv) aclonifen;
- (xv) glyphosate;
- (xvi) bentazone;
- (xvii) pendimethalin;
- (xviii) dicamba;
- (xix) S-ethyl diisobutylthiocarbamate (butylate);
- (xx) 3-(3-(2-(allyloxycarbonyl)-2-propyloxycarbonyl)-4-chlorophenyl)-2,4-ioxo-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6-trifluoromethyl-pyrimidine;
- (xxi) clomazone;
- (xxii) (2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetic acid (2,4-D);
- (xxiii) flumiclorac;
- (xxiv) fluthiacet-methyl;
- (xxv) flurtamone;
- (xxvi) flumioxazin;
- (xxvii) paraquat;

(xxviii) azafenidin;

(xxix) fluthiamide;

(xxx) fentrazamide;

(xxxi) isopropazol and

(xxxii) sulfosate.

The safeners (C) are selected from benoxacor, fenclorim, cloquintocet-mefenpyr-diethyl, furilazol, 4-carboxy-4-carboxymethyl-chroman, pyrrolo-pyrimidine derivative of formula (VIII), fluxofenim, dichlormid, flurazole and MON 4460.

n = 0 or 1;

R4 = Me or Et;

R5 = -CH(Me)CH2OMe (specifically as the (S)-isomer), CH2OMe or CH2OE

R7 = Cl or SMe;

R9 = Et, isopropyl or tert. butyl;

R10 = Et or n-propyl;

R11 = COO(1/2Ca), CH2CH(Me)SEt or tetrahydropyran-4-yl;

X = O, NOEt or NOCH2CH=CHCl;

R12 = H, OMe or OEt;

R13 = Me, OMe or F;

R14 = COOMe, F or Cl;

R15 = H or Me;

Y, Z' = N or CH;

R16, R20 = F or Cl;

R21 = CH2CH(Cl)COOEt or NHSO2Me;

Y1 = N, CH or N(Me);

Y2 = N, CH or Cl;

Y3, Y4 = CH, or together = S or C-Cl;

Y5 = N or CH;

Y6 = Me or OMe and

R24 = CONMe₂, COOMe, CH₂CH₂F or SO₂Et.

ACTIVITY - Herbicidal.

In post-emergence tests against *Digitaria*, the herbicidal effect was % for 150 g/ha of 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulfonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-3-methylthio-isoxazole (Ia), 25 % for 100 g/ha of halosulfuron an 90% (compared with a calculated value of 81%) for a combination of 1 g/ha (Ia) and 100 g/ha halosulfuron.

MECHANISM OF ACTION - None given.

USE - For selective control of weeds in crops (claimed), e.g. cereal cotton, soya, sugar beet, sugar cane, plantation crops, rape, rice or especially maize (claimed). The compositions are effective against both mono- and dicotyledonous weeds, e.g. *Stellaria*, *Nasturtium*, *Agrostis*, *Digitaria*, *Avena*, *Setaria*, *Sinapis*, *Lolium*, *Solanum*, *Phaseolus*, *Echinochloa*, *Scirpus*, *Monochoria*, *Sagittaria*, *Bromus*, *Alopecurus*, *Sorghum halepense*, *Rottboelia*, *Cyperus*, *Abutilon*, *Sida*, *Xanthium*, *Amaranthus*, *Chenopodium*, *Ipomoea*, *Chrysanthemum*, *Galium*, *Viola* and *Veronica*.

ADVANTAGE - Combinations of (A) (known herbicides described in WO9743270) and (B) and/or (C) have synergistic pre- and post-emergence herbicidal activity against a broad spectrum of weeds occurring in crops, allowing use at lower application rates. The presence of (C) also inhibits phytotoxicity to crops. Compared with (A) alone the compositions have a broader herbicidal spectrum and higher selectivity in crops.